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~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

City should think about financial struggles at Christmas

To the editor:
Headlined on our Heppner Gazette-Times is a happy Damien Sheoships; also headlined is the Heppner chamber event at the fairgrounds and the fun things that will happen.

The wonderful displays in the store windows remind of a time of Christmas, a time of love and friendship and giving, a time to be neighborly and to remember that maybe things were not always as good as they are now.

Also on the front page of the Heppner Gazette-Times is news from some of our city leaders that seems to me just shot down some of our Christmas spirit.

We have all seen times that were tough and I don't doubt that the city of Heppner could be having a struggle with finances. At this time of year most everyone has expenses that are not the norm for the year.

At this time of year is a poor time to be shot down. There are people, I'm sure, in every city that are having a hard time making ends meet and, more than likely, Heppner is no different.

I think if you haven't read the article on the front page of the December 11, 2013 Gazette, you should. It is headlined "City seeks to extend property lien authority." Then give some thought to some folks that are struggling to make ends meet...and, also, its Christmas.

I think the city can do what they have to do at a different time.

Bob DeSpain, Heppner

As above, so below; so below as above

To the Editor:
This Christmas may be a good time to re-examine one of God's gifts already received.

We all have achieved some degree of reasoning abilities, which can lead to contemplating a mustard seed.

And should you attentively listen to the silence within yourself, you may become inspired by unreasoned revelations. Sometime in everybody's life, you've experienced the clarity of mind and thoughts and profound concepts, just by putting your mind in neutral.

So write fast, scribe; you'll forget very soon.

Isn't it a gift to God to use his gifts?
Merry Christmas,
Rick McDaniel, Heppner

Electric co-op declares patronage payment

The Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Heppner, has announced the retirement of \$340,000 in Capital Patronage Credits.

This amount represents all of the 1982 outstanding Capital Patronage Credits, and several small credits from more recent years.

Capital Patronage Credits represent member's equity in the member-owned cooperative.

With the addition of the

\$340,000, the Co-Op has returned \$3,987,697 to its member/owners over the last 36 years.

Most credit holders will receive payment by check.

Active credit holders of very small value or in arrears will have payments applied to their account.

Multiple account holders will receive a single check for all accounts.

Funds are expected to be disbursed in mid-December 2013.

FBLA plans candy fundraiser

The Heppner High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will be selling homemade Christmas candy in front of Heppner Family Foods on Friday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offerings will include homemade Almond Roca, fudge, rocky road, peanut brittle, peanut butter balls, Oreos and many other candies.

The FBLA is raising money for regional competitions in La Grande next February.

Obituaries

Martha Jane Barak

Martha Jane Barak, 98, passed away in Seaside, OR on November 29, 2013 with family at her side. Martha resided in Hermiston, OR until her move to the Extended Care Unit of Providence Seaside Hospital in 2011. A memorial service is planned for spring 2014.

Martha was born in Freewater, OR on June 28, 1915 to her parents, Hugh Murray and Grace Steen Murray. She worked for IBM in San Francisco during the war years. After the war, she moved back to Freewater.

There she met Jack Lawrence Barak, a World War II pilot stationed at the Walla Walla Air Base. They were married on November

16, 1945. They farmed in Joseph for a short time before moving to Morrow County, where they farmed until their retirement in 1978.

Martha was a long-standing member of PEO in Hermiston. Her interests included her family, gardening and travel.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by: her loving children, Paula and Bill Peek, David and Joan Barak, and Douglas and Joyce Barak, all of Hermiston; grandchildren, Larry Peek, Carl and Kristy Peek, Jared Barak, Nathan Barak, Kate and Joey Armstrong, and Rebecca Barak; and great-grandson, Benjamin Peek.

Jerry A. Stefani

Jerry A. Stefani, 64, former lone resident, died Monday, December 16, 2013 at his home in Tualatin, OR. A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, December 21, at the Ione Community Church, with concluding service and burial to follow at the High View Cemetery in Ione.



Jerry A. Stefani

He was born July 1, 1949 at The Dalles, OR, the son of Arthur A. and Dorothy E. Bergstrom Stefani. He was raised and attended school in Ione, and then attended his freshman and sophomore years in Pendleton, and his junior and senior years in Heppner, where he graduated in 1967. Jerry attended the University of Oregon, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He lived in Eugene, Ione and Pendleton before moving to Portland and then to Tualatin.

On September 19, 2009 he married Teresa L. Magnuson at Tualatin, where they resided. Jerry was an avid fan of the Oregon Ducks and the San Francisco 49ers. He enjoyed sports of all types, and coached kids' basketball and Little League. He also had an amazing love for music, especially the Grateful Dead. He was a member of Heppner B.P.O.E. #358.

Jerry's love of family was evident in the genealogy research that he did.

Survivors include: his wife, Teresa Magnuson Stefani of Tualatin; mother, Dorothy Stefani of Ione; daughters, Danielle Mills, Jessica Stefani, and Katelyn Stefani, all of Portland; son; Drew Stefani, also of Portland; sisters, Teresa Turner of Lake Oswego and Teena Fetterhoff of Pendleton; brother, Dennis Stefani of Ione; grandchildren, Payton Mills, Jonah Hite, Cameron Hite and Brendan Hite.

He was preceded in death by his father, Art Stefani.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or to the National Kidney Foundation, 131 Steuart St. Suite 425, San Francisco, CA 94105-1240.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

McCurry retires from military

Local man David H. McCurry was honored for his faithful service to his country on Dec. 8, 2013.

First Sergeant McCurry served for more than two decades before retiring after three overseas tours and a decorated career. McCurry was awarded a plaque of appreciation signed by the President of the United States, along with a flag flown over the capital, as a token of the country's appreciation.

The soldiers assigned to the aviation units in Pendleton, OR also put together an awards and memorabilia case to present to McCurry at his ceremony. McCurry had also received a plaque from Major General Fred Rees (retired) to express his personal gratitude and thanks for supporting the soldiers of Oregon for so many years.

Now that First Sergeant McCurry is officially retired, he plans on focusing more on family for the immediate future, with his wife Michelle and their kids from Major General Fred Rees (retired) to express



First Sergeant David H. McCurry

Fireman's Ball to benefit area family

On Oct. 21, Ric and Pam Rosenbalm lost their home to a fire. A group of their friends got together to discuss what could be done to help; they say they are excited about the result, which includes a benefit dinner, live auction and dance.

The benefit will be The Arlington Fireman's Ball. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Rock Creek Schoolhouse. Doors open at 6 p.m. A tri-tip dinner served by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an auction will follow.

Auction items in place at this time include tickets to "Sister Act" at Keller Auditorium; a \$500 gift certificate to Packouz Jewelers; a Salishan package including two 18-hole rounds of golf, cart and a night's stay; professional tooth-whitening by an area dentist; a two-night stay in the Honeymoon Suite at Eagle Cap Chalet; a fishing trip for four; 50 pounds of grass-fed beef; a full prime rib; and a \$300 chest filled with treasures...three keys to the chest will be auctioned throughout the night; one key will open the chest and that bidder will

win the chest. Additional auction items are coming in daily.

Many local and out of the area packages will be auctioned, as well. Themed packages will also be auctioned, such as a "Columbia Gorge Road Trip package," including Maryhill Museum passes, \$40 gift certificate to the Museum Café, and a Discovery Center family pass. Other themed packages include "Let 'r Buck," with Pendleton Round-up tickets, A Round-up calendar, and a bottle of Pendleton Whiskey.

If interested in donating to the auction, contact Victoria McKinney at 541-667-7335.

The dance following the auction will feature Bill McKinney DJ and Karaoke.

Ticket prices are \$25 per person, which includes dinner, dance and one complimentary drink. Call or see Marta Mikkalo for tickets at 541-980-4949 or indicate interest on the Facebook page, "Arlington Fireman's Ball." The committee invites people from far and wide to attend this fun event for a good cause.

NEW COUNTY OFFICES

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said. "It will consolidate the county's presence here and make our offices more efficient and accessible to the public."

All of the new offices will of course be ADA, or Americans with Disability Act, compliant, he said.

"The commissioners are very excited about this project, and the positive impact it will have to the

county residents, as it will allow us to function more effectively and efficiently," Tallman said.

"Given your current facilities, it is more economical and efficient to construct new, addressing deficiencies in technology and departmental working environments, and allowing us to bring departments together under one roof," he said.

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MONDAY-THURSDAY
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CONTACT BLAS ELEGUEZABAL, B.S., PES FOR MORE INFORMATION
541-561-6613

Happy Birthday
EVA 80
You've Come a Long Way Baby!

What will we call the 101st Morrow County Fair?
Fair Theme Contest
\$50 PRIZE TO THE WINNER
Deadline is December 31
ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO:
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